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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding Albania and Other  
Related Matters

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Reinhardt )  
Mr. Higgs ) Department  
Mr. Campbell ) of State  
Mr. March )

[ ] CIA/OPC

1. On the 8th of August a meeting was held in Mr. Reinhardt's office for the purpose of reviewing outstanding policy matters regarding Albania. As a result of this review, it was decided to lift the Department of State ban on the dropping of leaflets and to permit one leaflet drop over Albania in the immediate future. The leaflet to be dropped will be, in essence, a reply to the leaflet dropped by the Yugoslavs over Albania (in the name of the Prizren League) which attacked the National Committee for Free Albania. This leaflet will cast doubt on the validity of the Prizren League's announced position as an independent and democratic movement and point out that the National Committee for Free Albania is based on genuine democratic principles, and that the National Committee for Free Albania has the support and confidence of all freedom loving powers and represents all true Albanian patriots. It was agreed that should the Prizren League attack the National Committee for Free Albania in more violent terms in the future, the National Committee for Free Albania would of necessity have to retaliate in a similar fashion. It was further agreed that subsequent leaflet drops would be cleared individually with the Department of State. This does not apply to drops of small quantities of leaflets used to camouflage other operations.

2. It was also determined that OPC should expand its operations to permit the infiltration and support of a total of approximately 50 agents by the end of 1951 and that the agent strength in the country would be maintained at that level. These agents will be used for developing roads, peace groups, organizing safe-houses, gathering operational intelligence and other related tasks and will be instructed not to engage in paramilitary or guerrilla activity.

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guerrilla activity.

3. The psychological warfare program was next discussed. It was agreed by all those present that when this activity is fortified with black broadcasts it will become a rather well-rounded-out program. [ ] then mentioned that some type of follow-through action was considered necessary to prevent the FW program from losing its effectiveness over a protracted period. [ ] then outlined a proposal for the air-dropping of small sacks of white flour or other supplies as one type of a follow-through action. It was agreed by all that this proposal had merit and should be pursued further.

4. It was agreed that it is very desirable for OPC to create a cadre of approximately 500 trained Albanian personnel who could be held in reserve to form the nucleus of a U.S. dominated resistance force to be activated in Albania in any of several possible situations such as the following:

a. In the event it becomes U.S. policy to encourage and bring about a revolution to overthrow the present Communist regime.

b. In the event it is desired to maintain U.S. influence in Albania under the conditions which would develop as a result of Yugoslav-sponsored efforts to overthrow the current Albanian regime. Such a revolution would probably result in Greek intervention and the general situation may take on such a character as to make it particularly desirable to have an American-controlled and sponsored force in the picture to justify and permit the exertion of American influence in the complicated position which would develop.

c. In the event of Greek and Yugoslav invasion of Albania, when the presence of an American-sponsored controlled "buffer" force may help to control the situation.

5. [ ] mentioned that the increasing troubles which the present Albanian regime is encountering have made it desirable to increase the number of men available for a variety of OPC missions. [ ] added that the size of the Albanian guard company could be increased to 500 with relative ease and no appreciable risk to security, and that OPC will shortly take steps to achieve that increase.

6. Mr. Reinhardt suggested that OPC prepare a dossier to include all known Yugoslav activity against Albania or the NCFA.

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This brief would be held in readiness as a point of departure in discussions with the Yugoslavs if it is ascertained that the Yugoslavs are indeed expanding their activities so as to enable them to take over Albania, either overtly or covertly.

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